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25X1A  commodities being sold in the Ongjin<sup>1</sup> (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YC-0801) market, Hwanghae Province, and their prices were as follows:

COMMODITY	UNIT <sup>2</sup>	PRICE IN NK WON
Millet	1 small mal	400
Barley	1 small mal	300
Wheat	1 small mal	350
Beans, green	1 small mal	450
Beans, red	1 small mal	400
Beans, yellow	1 small mal	200
Beef	1 kun	250
Pork	1 kun	250
Chicken	each	150
Cow	1 head	40,000
Noodles, cooked	1 bowl	50
Persimmon	each	20
Potatoes	1 kwan	100
Rice candy	1 kun	90

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Rice, glutinous	1 small mal	450
Rice, Korean	1 small mal	450
Salt	1 small mal	200
Sochu (Korean vodka)	1 bottle	500
Cigarettes	1 pack	50
Matches	1 pack	25
Newspaper	1 copy	3
Newspaper	monthly	60
Notebook	each	70
Paper, paekno (for sliding doors)	sheet	50
Pencil, lead (North Korean)	each	15
Petroleum	1 toe	100
Shoes, rubber, black, women's	1 pair	1,500
Shoes, rubber, black, men's	1 pair	1,700
Shoes, rubber, white, women's	1 pair	1,800
Shoes, rubber, white, men's	1 pair	2,000
Shoes, tennis, black	1 pair	600
Socks	1 pair	300
Undershirt, winter	each	1,000
Silk material (Korean) (Nyuttong ch'ima)	amount needed to make 1 skirt	8,000
Cotton cloth (Chinese)	1 yard	700
Cotton sheeting	1 yard	700
Soap, laundry	1 bar	180
Soap, toilet	1 bar	200
Sulfadiazine	1 tablet	30
Towel (Chinese)	each	800

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1.  Comment. For additional information concerning commodity prices in the Ongjin area during the period 13-30 October 1953, see  25X1A
2.  Comment: 1 small mal equals 1.03 pecks, 1 kun equals 1.323 pounds, 25X1A  
1 kwan equals 8.27 pounds, and 1 toe equals 3.18 pints.

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